

"The earth was formless and void..."



"...and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters" (Gen 1:2).

Creation is always birthed "ex nihilo," or "out of nothing." If you think of any creative process, whether it's your passion for writing, how you learn to parent your children, or in the creation story in the book of Genesis, all created things came "out of nothing."

All beauty, all newness, all life, was birthed from nothing. When God spoke, He created. It was simply his breath that birthed new things where there was none. That is how the creative process always works.

Sometimes we think:

"Someday this creative energy will run out"

"I'll wake up one day and there won't be any new ideas"

"What if I just get stagnant?"

But the truth is, **we have a well within us**. A well that is always producing, always feeding, always overflowing with creative energy, ideas, perspective changes.

That spirit, the Spirit of God, is always ready to birth something new "ex nihilo." This is the "fountain of living water" Jesus speaks of (John 4:14). In God, there is no lack of creative energy and there is no drying up of the well. If we draw near, listen, and allow the spirit of God to move within us, something will always want to be created out of nothing.

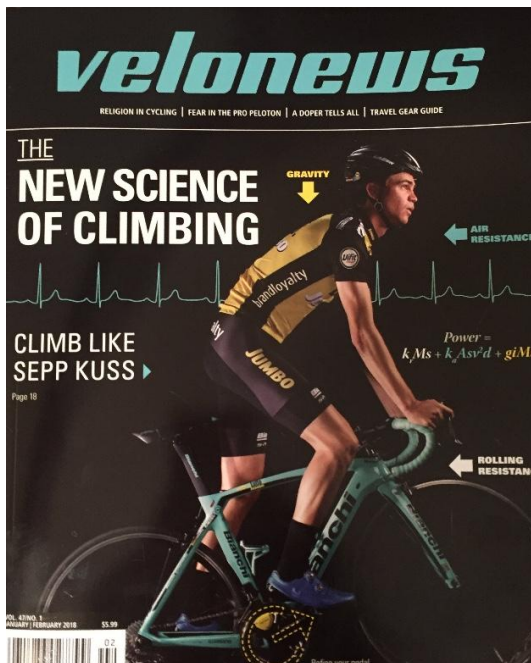
Why do I know this? **Because the DNA of God is within us**. And God is always creating, moving, shaping us and our world. If we quiet ourselves and allow Spirit to enter in, the movement, the shifting, and the birthing of new life will always take place.

Why am I saying all of this?

Because that is how the movement of God in the sport of professional cycling began; "ex nihilo." **And the sport of cycling which seemed to be nothing but "darkness over the waters" is now ripe with the movement of God.**

This winter Todd and I had the opportunity to do an interview with Fred Drier, the editor of VeloNews. He approached us and said, "I've seen a culture shift in this sport over the last few years and I want to write an article about it." And he did. Unbelievable movement is happening in this sport.

If you want a copy of the article, I have PDF of it that I can forward you. Contact Bill Burris and he will have a copy sent to you.



In January, I also had the opportunity to attend the Rally Pro Cycling team launch and media/VIP events. It comes on the heels of the team's training camp in Oxnard, CA. This is the

second year I have attended this event and it is always a great opportunity to communicate our intentions with the riders and staff.



Pairing seminary with my full time work has been a lot to handle at times, but it has been incredibly edifying for me. I have a renewed passion for studying the word of God and teaching others through it. In January I spent a week in Dallas for a weeklong intensive, trying to knock out a few hours here and there to go towards my MA in Theology. I will also be taking online classes throughout the year!

Love you all!

Brian